



Week 4 Assignment: Creating Interactivity

Overview

Successfully use the CMS at NewSchoolSpaces.net for the following tasks: upload HTML and image files, post to blog, and create a podcast using Audacity. Based on your review of the Drupal.org Website and your personal experience with the Drupal CMS provided by NewSchoolSpaces.net, draft a Content Management Procedure for your classroom, school or district. This is a set of instructions that allows users to understand how to enter text and upload image files, post to blog, and create a podcast.

Rubric

Use the following Rubric to guide your work on the Week 4 Assignment.

Tasks ↓	Accomplished 10 The evidence suggests that this work is a "Habit of Mind." The educator is ready to mentor others in this area.	Proficient 8 The evidence suggests that performance on this work matches that of a strong educator.	Needs Improvement 6 The evidence does not yet make the case for the educator being proficient at this task.
Creating Interactivity	<p>Successfully uses the Drupal CMS at NewSchoolSpaces.net for the following tasks: enter text and upload image files, post to blog, create a podcast using Audacity. Emails instructor with URLs to postings. Accomplished students may also choose to upload a video clip to create a blog entry.</p> <p>Submits draft for a Content Management Procedure that outlines how to enter text and upload image files, post to blog, and create a podcast. Accomplished responses will also contain guidelines for using a school Wiki through NewSchoolSpaces.net.</p>	<p>Successfully uses the Drupal CMS at NewSchoolSpaces.net for the following tasks: enter text and upload image files, post to blog, create a podcast using Audacity. Emails instructor with URLs to postings.</p> <p>Submits draft for a Content Management Procedure that outlines how to enter text and upload image files, post to blog, and create a podcast.</p>	<p>Fails to successfully use the Drupal CMS at NewSchoolSpaces.net for the following tasks: enter text and upload image files, post to blog, create a podcast using Audacity. Failure is evidenced by a lack of email to the instructor with URLs to postings.</p> <p>Fails to submit draft for a Content Management Procedure, or submits one that fails to include two or more of the following: enter text and upload image files, post to blog, and create a podcast.</p>

Directions and Resources

- You must send a URL to your academic coach for the content you have posted in the CMS at NewSchoolSpaces.net at the end of week 4.
- You will use the Drupal CMS at NewSchoolSpaces.net for the following tasks: enter text and upload image files, post to blog, and create a podcast using Audacity. Accomplished students may also choose to upload a video clip to create a blog entry. Before you log on to your school site shell at NewSchoolSpaces.net, you will need to create an account at the NewSchoolSpaces.net Website:
 - <http://newschoolspaces.net>
- To prepare your images for upload, download and install the Picasa software from Google and review the basic features in this software:
 - <http://picasa.google.com/>
 - [Introducing Picasa 3](#)

- To create the MP3 file for your podcast, the Audacity software is available for download at:
 - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/audacity>

Notes on Additional Resources:

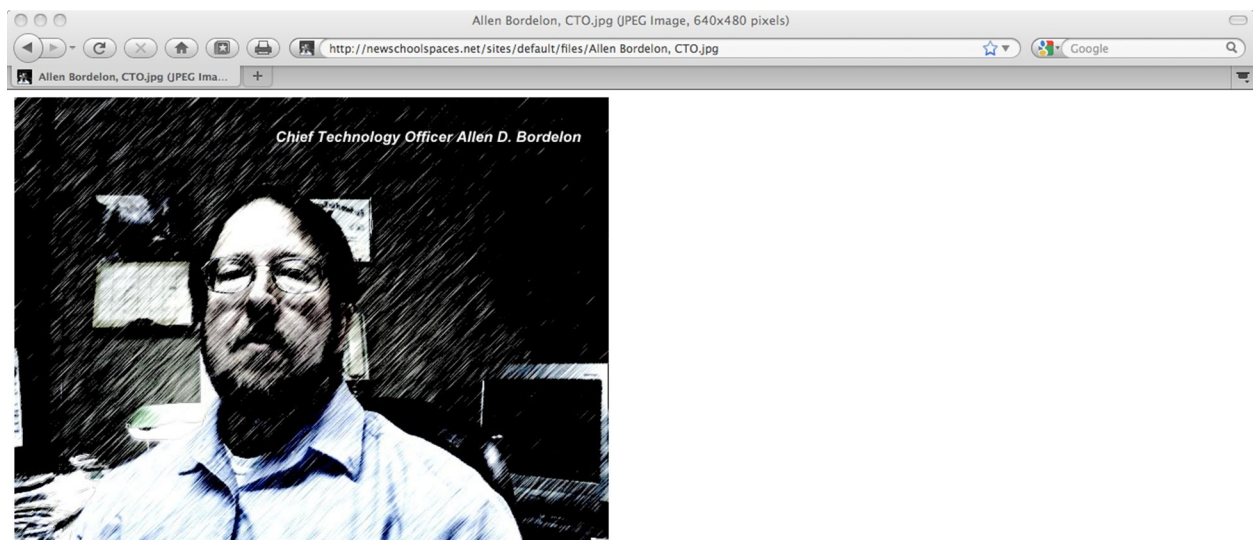
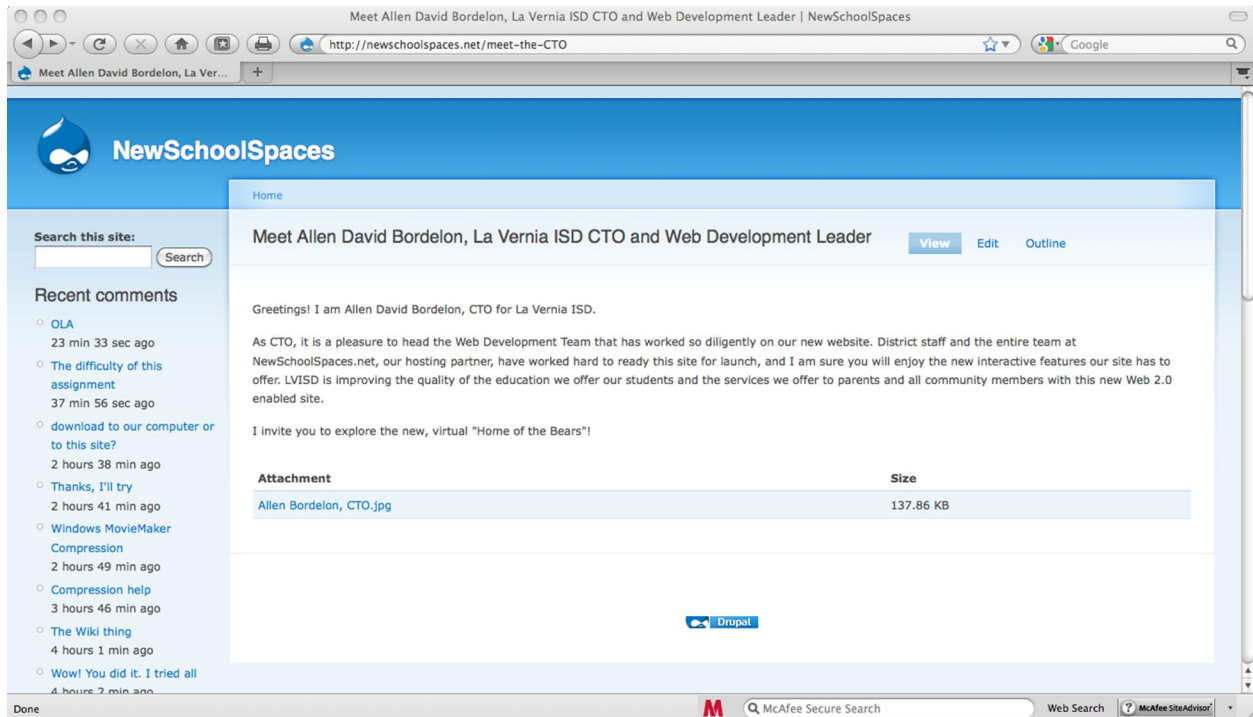
- Although you are not required to set up RSS feeds in Google Reader, it is recommended that you become familiar with RSS feeds by reviewing the following video:
 - [Google Reader in Plain English](#)
- Although you will not get hands-on experience with creating video blogs in this course, it is important that you understand how they work. The following resource is helpful in this regard:
 - [7 Things You Should Know About Videoblogging](#)
- The following resources are useful in understanding the promise and problems of collaborative editing using Wikis:
 - [Wikis in Plain English](#)
- Jimmy Wales, founder of the Wikipedia, speaks about "[How a ragtag band created Wikipedia](#)." He answers questions on "[What is Wikia?](#)" and offers "[Two Views of the 'Wiki' Concept](#)."

Responses for Allen David Bordelon (please note you must be logged into NewSchoolSpaces in order to view/open attachments):

Link to my entered text and uploaded image file:

<http://newschoolspaces.net/meet-the-CTO>

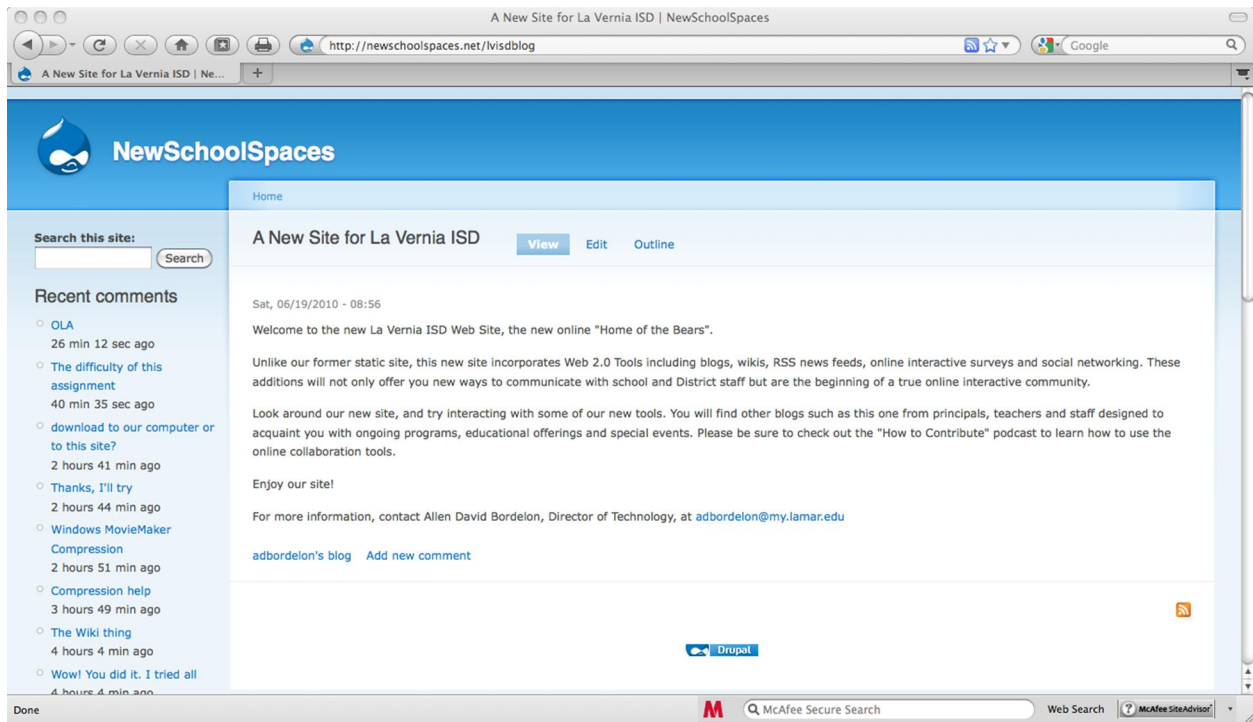
Screenshots of this posting:



Link to my post to my blog:

<http://newschoolspaces.net/lvisdblog>

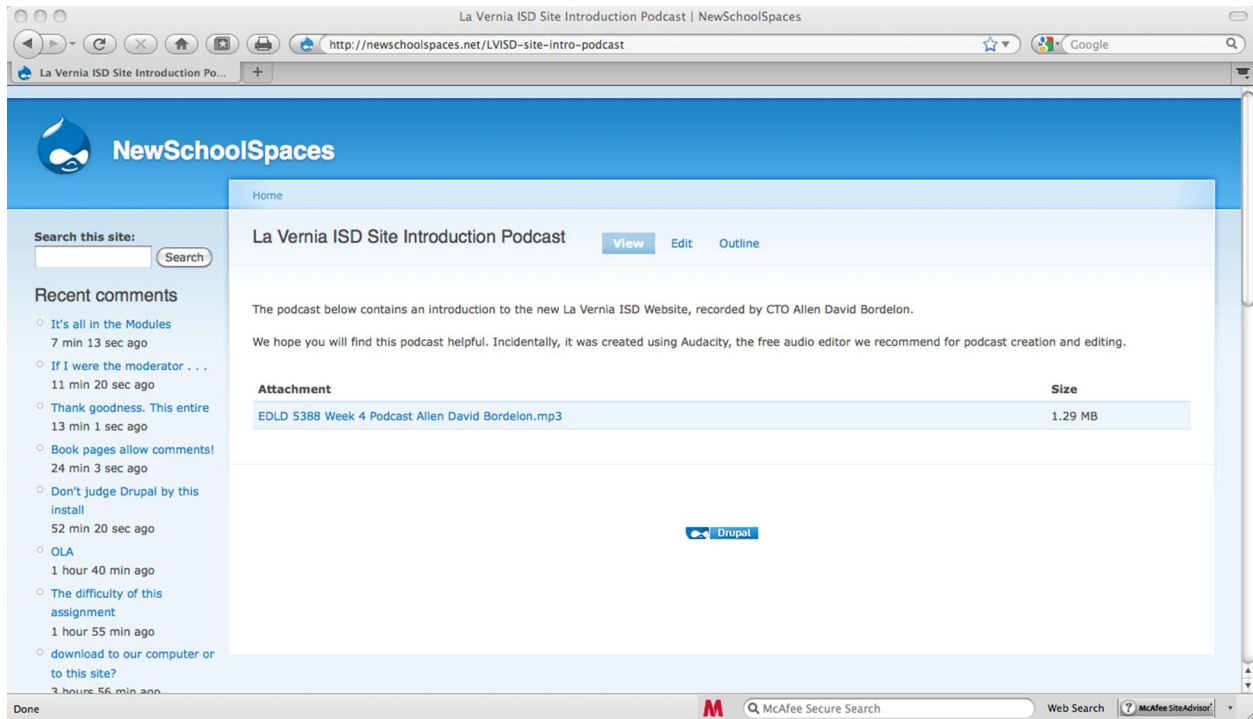
Screenshots of this posting:



Link to my Site Intro page w/attached uploaded file podcast recorded and edited in Audacity:

<http://newschoolspaces.net/LV/ISD-site-intro-podcast>

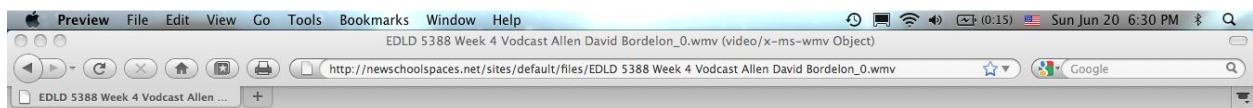
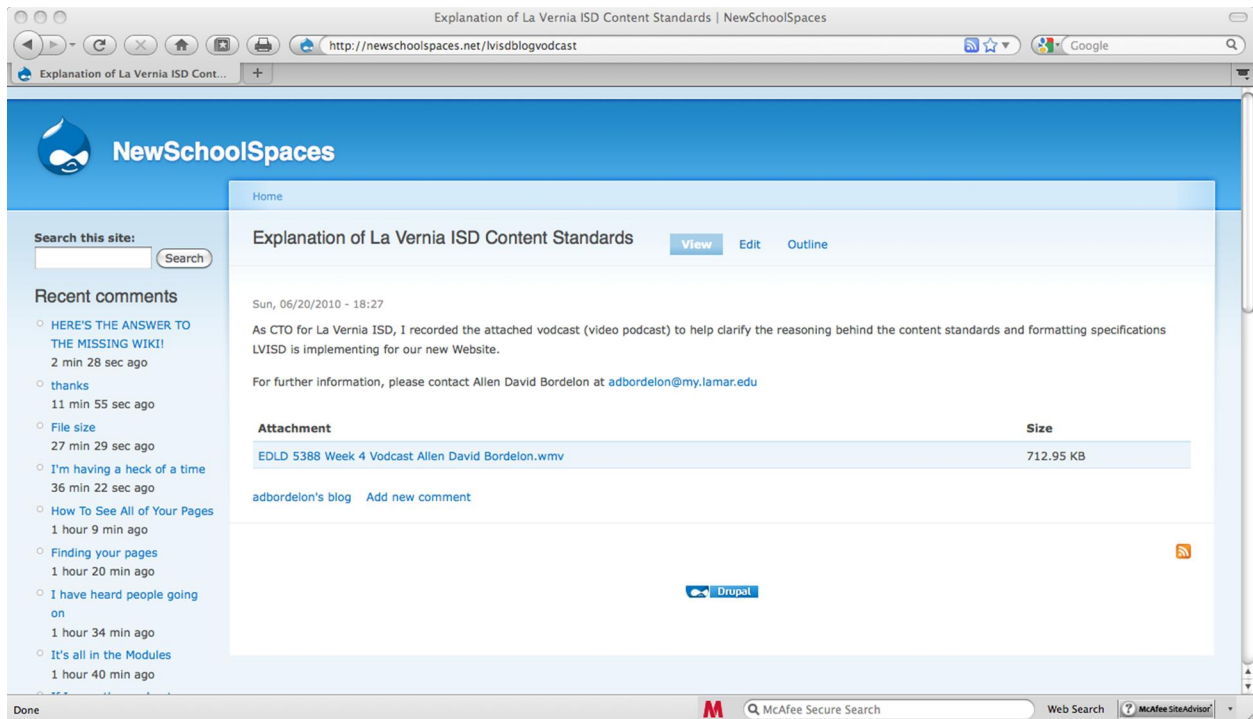
Screenshots of this posting:



Link to my LVISD Blog Vodcast page w/attached file uploaded video blog/vodcast:

<http://newschoolspaces.net/lvisdblogvodcast>

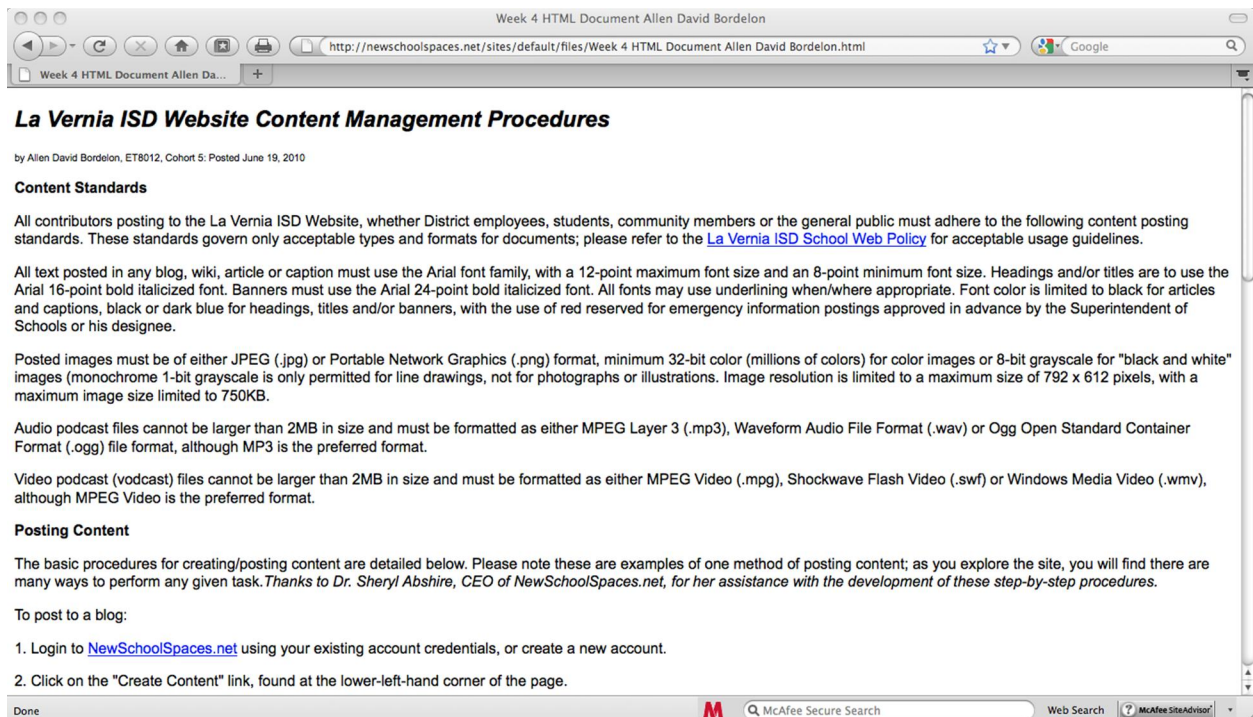
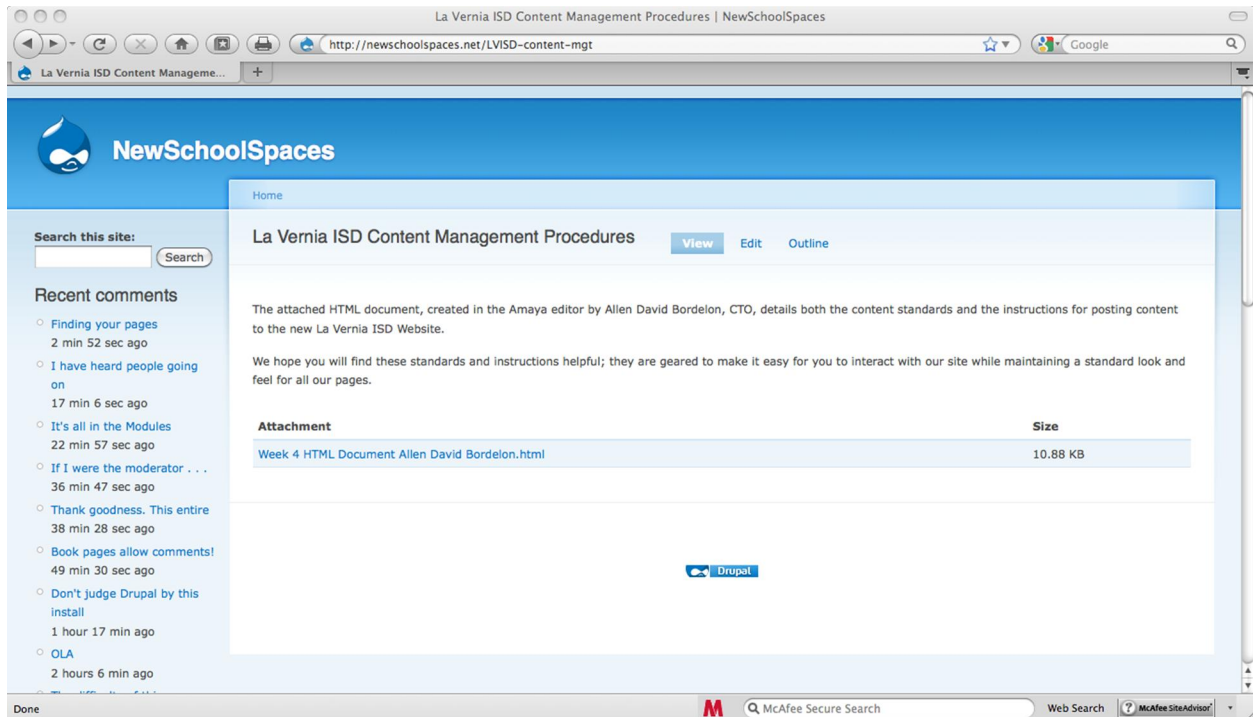
Screenshots of this posting:



Link to my Content Management Procedure page, w/attached file uploaded as an HTML document created and edited in Amaya:

<http://newschoolspaces.net/LVISD-content-mgt>

Screenshots of this posting:



Cut-and-pasted Content Management Procedures text from Amaya HTML file as posted:**La Vernia ISD Website Content Management Procedures**

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Content Standards

All contributors posting to the La Vernia ISD Website, whether District employees, students, community members or the general public must adhere to the following content posting standards. These standards govern only acceptable types and formats for documents; please refer to the La Vernia ISD School Web Policy for acceptable usage guidelines.

All text posted in any blog, wiki, article or caption must use the Arial font family, with a 12-point maximum font size and an 8-point minimum font size. Headings and/or titles are to use the Arial 16-point bold italicized font. Banners must use the Arial 24-point bold italicized font. All fonts may use underlining when/where appropriate. Font color is limited to black for articles and captions, black or dark blue for headings, titles and/or banners, with the use of red reserved for emergency information postings s approved in advance by the Superintendent of Schools or his designee.

Posted images must be of either JPEG (.jpg) or Portable Network Graphics (.png) format, minimum 32-bit color (millions of colors) for color images or 8-bit grayscale for "black and white" images (monochrome 1-bit grayscale is only permitted for line drawings, not for photographs or illustrations. Image resolution is limited to a maximum size of 792 x 612 pixels, with a maximum image size limited to 750KB.

Audio podcast files cannot be larger than 2MB in size and must be formatted as either MPEG Layer 3 (.mp3), Waveform Audio File Format (.wav) or Ogg Open Standard Container Format (.ogg) file format, although MP3 is the preferred format.

Video podcast (vodcast) files cannot be larger than 2MB in size and must be formatted as either MPEG Video (.mpg), Shockwave Flash Video (.swf) or Windows Media Video (.wmv), although MPEG Video is the preferred format.

Posting Content

The basic procedures for creating/posting content are detailed below. Please note these are examples of one method of posting content; as you explore the site, you will find there are many ways to perform any given task. Thanks to Dr. Sheryl Abshire, CEO of NewSchoolSpaces.net, for her assistance with the development of these step-by-step procedures.

To post to a blog:

1. Login to NewSchoolSpaces.net using your existing account credentials, or create a new account.
2. Click on the "Create Content" link, found at the lower-left-hand corner of the page.
3. Click on the "Blog Entry" hyperlink.
4. In the "Title" text box, enter a descriptive title for your post, succinctly identifying your subject or topic.

5. In the "Body" text box, type in your blog entry or paste in text you have copied from an external document.
6. Click on the "Preview" radio button to see how your post will look when published.
7. Click on the "Save" radio button when you are satisfied with your entry; this will post your entry.

To upload image files, first use an image editor to resize and/or crop your image to the above-detailed specifications, then save the image in one of the prescribed formats. If you do not have image editing software of your own, we suggest you download Google's free Picasa Editor. Once your image is ready to upload:

1. Login to NewSchoolSpaces.net using your existing account credentials, or create a new account.
2. Click on the "Create Content" link, found at the lower-left-hand corner of the page.
3. Click on the "Page" hyperlink.
4. In the "Title" text box, enter a descriptive title for your post, succinctly identifying your subject or topic.
5. In the "Body" text box, type in the text you wish to accompany the image or paste in text you have copied from an external document.
6. Attach the image file you wish to upload by clicking on the "File attachments" hyperlink located below the body section; browse to find your file, then click the Attach button. Please note that the system will currently only allow one (1) attachment per page.
7. Click on the "Preview" radio button to see how your post will look when published.
8. Click on the "Save" radio button when you are satisfied with your entry; this will post your entry.

To post to a wiki:

1. Login to NewSchoolSpaces.net using your existing account credentials, or create a new account.
2. Click on the "Create Content" link, found at the lower-left-hand corner of the page.
3. Click on the "Wiki" hyperlink (please note the Wiki hyperlink will not be available until after July 15, 2010).
4. Click on one of the hyperlinks to select the wiki posting category of your choice.
5. Click a radio button to select either "New Wiki Page" for new content, or "Edit Existing Wiki Page" to contribute to an existing wiki.

> If you chose to edit an existing page, you may begin editing.

> If you chose "New Wiki Page": In the "Title" text box, enter a descriptive title for your post, succinctly identifying your subject or topic. In the "Body" text box, type in your wiki entry or paste in text you have copied from an external document.

6. Click on the "Preview" radio button to see how your post will look when published.
7. Click on the "Save" radio button when you are satisfied with your entry; this will post your entry.

To upload podcast or vodcast files, use an audio or video editing application such as Audacity or Windows Movie Maker to record and edit your file (paying close attention to the above-detailed specifications) then save the file in one of the prescribed formats. Once your file is ready to upload:

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